

# WEST TEXAS COLLECTION

## The Twentieth Century Club Collection

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**Record ID:** 1991-5

**Donor:** The Twentieth Century Club

**Acquisition:** Gift, 1991-present

**Access:** Restricted

**Restrictions:** Permission to use the collection must be gained from the Twentieth Century Club

**Citation:** The Twentieth Century Club Collection, West Texas Collection, Angelo State University, San Angelo, TX

### Administrative/Biographical History:

The Twentieth Century Club was established 10 January 1901 and was the first formally organized women's social club in San Angelo. At that time the population of the city was about 2,500 with dirt streets and plank sidewalks. Nevertheless, these were Victorian times when ladies observed "calling days" for their social activities. Calling day in San Angelo was Wednesday. Ranch wives knew that if they came to town that day they could find a group gathered together at the home of one of the town's pioneer families. A social club of sorts had previously existed before the turn of the century. The Caledonia Club was organized by some settlers of Scottish and English descent.

The active membership of the Twentieth Century Club was limited to twenty, but the honorary membership was open to all. The first president was Mrs. Philip C. Lee. Annual dues were fifty cents and the earliest meetings were held in the San Angelo Club in the old Veck-Sterrett building on the corner of Oakes and Concho. By about 1902 meeting had been cut back to two each month, one formal and one informal. They took place in the members' homes.

Some of the early charter members resigned shortly after the club's formation, apparently because their church affiliation disapproved of card playing which was a major entertainment. While social activities were the main concern of the group, civic duties were also tended to by the members.

### Scope and Content:

Collection contains minute books, correspondence, newspaper clippings, reports, and a photograph.

### Arrangement:

Box	File	Description
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1		Newspaper clipping describing San Angelo at the turn of the century and the
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<b>Box</b>	<b>File</b>	<b>Description</b>
		beginning of the Twentieth Century Club
		Originals of Minute Books 1-3
	1	Photocopy of Minute Book 1: January 1901-November 1914
	2	Photocopy of Minute Book 2: February 1915-December 1939
	3	Photocopy of Minute Book 3: January 1940-May 1950
<b>2</b>		Originals of Minute Books 4-6
	1	Photocopy of Minute Book 4: September 1950-May 1964
	2	Photocopy of Minute Book 5: September 1966-March 1976
		Bound photocopy of Minute Book 6: May 1985-March 1990
<b>3</b>	1	Revised by-laws, 1951
	2	Correspondence
	3	Miscellaneous papers
	4	Miscellaneous newspaper clippings
	5	Newspaper clipping, 12 January 1941: "20 <sup>th</sup> Century Club, City's Oldest Social Group, Begins 40 <sup>th</sup> Year"
	6	Newspaper clipping 28 January 1951: "City's Oldest Social Club Marks Golden Anniversary"
	7	Newspaper clippings: 1939: "20 <sup>th</sup> Century Club, Oldest Social Group in San Angelo, Is Composed of West Texas Pioneers and Descendants of Early Comers" 21 March 1965: "Twentieth Century Club 64-Year Social Pacesetter"
<b>4</b>	1	1996 Photograph of Twentieth Century Club Members
		Original of Minute Book 7
		Bound Photocopy of Minute Book 7: April 1990-May 1998